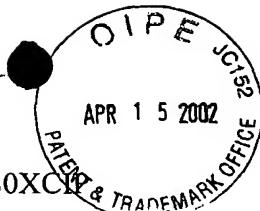


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

Tetuya OOKURA, et al. : ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed February 14, 2002, Applicants submit herewith a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 5, please replace paragraph at lines 15-16 as follows:

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(A) a protein having an amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID No. 2 in the Sequence
Listing;

Page 5, please replace paragraph at lines 17-21 as follows:

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(B) a protein having an amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID No. 2 in the Sequence
Listing, wherein the amino acid sequence includes substitution, deletion, insertion, addition